

December 9, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council  
From: Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager  
Re: Town Manager's Report

The following supplements the written report forwarded with the December 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**1. State Budget Reductions:**

As reported earlier, Governor Rell has proposed a \$470 million budget mitigation plan that proposes at least \$84 million in municipal aide reductions. The \$84 million is not specified in the Governor's proposal so it is hard to determine the specific effect on Glastonbury. A 12 member panel comprised of legislators and local officials will help identify these reductions and possible opportunities to reduce costs to cities and towns by relaxing state mandates, etc.

This is an opportunity to identify ways in which the state can suspend or eliminate mandates and other requirements that translate to costs to cities and towns. I'm in the process of putting together a list of suggestions and opportunities to reduce Town costs or provide additional revenue opportunities. Should Council have any suggestions, please let me know so that these can be incorporated into the list. This will be forwarded to state offices.

**2. Holiday Schedule:**

Town offices will be closed on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. In keeping with prior years, Town offices will also close on ½ day on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Closings will be marked prominently at Town facilities.

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